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(Celebrate Kwanzaa)

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From the Musical "What IZA Kwanzaa"

A Medicinally Yours Production

Music by
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Moderate

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A Medicinally Yours Production

E'm E'm A'm

Kwan - zaa is a time for un - i - ty

E'm E'm Bb

Kwan - zaa is a time for com - mu - ni - ty

E'm E'm A'm

Kwan - zaa is a time to cel - e - brate the

E'm E'm Bb

fruits of our la - bor Ain't it great, Ain't it great

E'm B Bb E'm B B

Cel - e - bra - te, Cel - e - brate Kwan -

Bb B Bb 3

- zaa, Kwan - zaa Have

E'm E'm A'm

Love for each o - ther your Sister and bro - ther

E'm E'm Bb

Al - ways re - spect your an - ces - tral mo - ther

E'm E'm

con - cen - trate on work there'll be time to play

E'm E'm Bb

prop - o - gate the leg - a - cy of Kwan - zaa to - day Ain't it grea -

E'm B Bb E'm B B

- t - Cel - e - bra - te, Cel - e - brate Kwan -

Bb B Bb 4

- zaa, Kwan - zaa

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KWANZAA

(Tune: "MICHAEL ROW THE BOAT")

Long ago in Africa
After harvest,
People came to celebrate
Their ac-com-plish-ments.
Elders told their his-tor-y,
To the children
Drummers played and dancers danced in
Cel-e-bra-tion.
Afro-A-mer-i-cans cel-e-brate
Their ac-com-plish-ments
During a December holiday
That's called Kwanzaa.
Working together to help each other,
That is Kwanzaa,
Sharing and living in unity,
That is Kwanzaa.

LET'S CELEBRATE

(Tune and hand claps: "OH MARY MACK")

Let's celebrate, brate, brate.
Oh, don't be late, late, late.
It's Kwanzaa time, time, time,
So let's not wait, wait, wait.
Can-dles we'll light, light, light,
One for each night, night, night.
'Til there are seven, seven, seven,
All burning bright, bright, bright.
And then each day, day, day,
We'll hear and say, say, say,
The N-gu-zo Saba, Saba, Saba.
For work and play, play, play.

A CIRCLE ACTION SONG

(Tune: "LOOBY LOO OR LOOP DE LOO")

Here we come all together, (*Sing 3 times*)
To celebrate Kwanzaa time.

I dance my whole self in,
I dance my whole self out,
I dance and sing and say "jambo"
And dance myself about.

Here we come from the drummer, (*Sing 3 times*)
To celebrate Kwanzaa time.

I put my big drum in,
I take my big drum out,
I dance and sing and play my drum,
And dance myself about.

Here we come from the market, (*Sing 3 times*)
To celebrate Kwanzaa time.

I put my food in,
I take my food out,
I dance and sing and eat my food,
And dance myself about.

Here we come with the candles, (*Sing 3 times*)
To celebrate Kwanzaa time.

I put my candles in,
I take my candles out,
I dance and sing and light a candle,
And dance myself about.

(Repeat first verse)

THE SEVEN CANDLES

(Tune: "THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE")

Sev'n can-dles we see here,
One for each Kwanzaa night.
And when we light them,
They'll be shining bright,
Lighting a way,
For us to live each day,
For each other,
For each other,
For each other.

U-mo-ja, U-ni-ty,
Ku-ji-cha-gu-li-a,
Self-de-term-in-a-tion
(Then) Candle three U-ji-ma
(Says) Together we must work,
From duty do not shirk,
For each other,
For each other,
For each other.

U-jaa-ma teaches how,
To use our money well,
Nia is for purpose,
So all our lives should tell,
Kuum-ba, think and plan
I-ma-ni means we can,
For each other,
For each other,
For each other.

Tunaona mishumaa saba,
moja kwa kila usiku wa kwanzaa
Na tunapoziakisha zitangara
na kumulika njia
tutakayoifuata
kila siku —
tukiwa pamoja,
tukiwa pamoja,
tukiwa pamoja.

Umoja, Unity,
Kujichagulia,
Self-determination
Halafu mshumaa wa tatu, Ujima
husema ni sharti tufanye kazi
pamoja na tusiwe wavivu —
tukiwa pamoja,
tukiwa pamoja,
tukiwa pamoja.

Ujamaa hutufundisha jinsi
ya kutukia mali yetu vizuri
Nia huonekana katika
maisha yetu sote
Kuumba, waza na kuumba
Imani husema twaweza —
tukiwa pamoja,
tukiwa pamoja,
tukiwa pamoja.

CIBI (Council of Independent Black Institutions') Pledge

We are African people struggling for national liberation.
We are preparing leaders and workers to bring about positive change for our people.
We stress the development of our bodies, minds, souls and consciousness.
Our commitment is to self-determination, self defense and self-respect for our race.

Flag Song

Praise the Red, the Black, and the Green.
The brothers and sisters are being redeemed.
Why don't you open up your eyes and see,
We're on our way to being free!

Because, the Red is for the blood that we shed;
The Black is for the race--that's us!
The Green is for land, uh huh
So the Black folks can take their rightful place!

Nile Valley Shule Song

We are the children of Nile Valley Shule
Queens and the Kings of the Future.
The wealth of our people
Just like the Nile Valley Giveth
The waters of life to all Afrika
And the rest of the world.

Our Nile Valley Shule will give us
The knowledge and love that we need
To be real strong.
Be strong in our minds, our bodies and souls
To face a new day, a new day together
Reaching our goals we got to keep working
To build a new world, a much better world.

Chorus

Nile Valley Shule, Bless the Nile, Bless the Nile.
Nile Valley Shule, Bless the Nile, Bless the Nile.
Going to do it, going to do it, going to do it yea, yea.
Got to do it, got to do it yea, yea.

Going to do it for my mother, going to do it yea, yea.
Got to do it, got to do it yea, yea.

Going to do it for my father, going to do it yea, yea.
Got to do it, got to do it yea, yea.

Going to do it for my brother, going to do it yea, yea.
Got to do it, got to do it yea, yea.

Going to do it for my sister, going to do it yea, yea.
Got to do it, got to do it yea, yea.
We are the children of Nile Valley Shule.

[A3]
Nguzo Saba Song (call & response)

Call:	I said Umoja
Response:	I said Umoja
Call:	It means unity
Response:	It means unity
Call:	Kujichagulia
Response:	Kujichagulia
Call:	It means self-determination
Response:	It means self-determination
Call:	Ujima
Response:	Ujima
Call:	It means collective work and responsibility
Response:	It means collective work and responsibility
Call:	Ujamaa
Response:	Ujamaa
Call:	It means cooperative economics
Response:	It means cooperative economics
Call:	Nia
Response:	Nia
Call:	Purpose
Response:	Purpose
Call:	Kuumba
Response:	Kuumba
Call:	Creativity
Response:	Creativity
Call:	Imani
Response:	Imani
Call:	Is faith
Response:	Is faith
Call:	In what?
Response:	In what?
Call:	In our Blackness!
Response:	In our Blackness!
Call:	Faith in our Blackness
Response:	Faith in our Blackness

Developed in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, Kwanzaa (which is Swahili for "First Fruits") is a popular African-American seven-day celebration.

Traditionally observed from December 26 through January 1st, participants greet each other in the Swahili language by saying "Habari Gani" (What's the News?) and urge "Harambee" (Let's Pull Together.)

Families and friends gather daily to light one of seven candles (three red, one black, and three green.) Each candle represents a different principle of Kwanzaa.

The seven principles known as the "Nguza Saba" are:

- UMOJA
(UNITY)
- KUJICHAGULIA
(SELF-DETERMINATION)
- UJIMA
(COLLECTIVE WORK AND RESPONSIBILITY)
- UJAMAA
(COOPERATIVE ECONOMICS)
- NIA
(PURPOSE)
- KUUMBA
(CREATIVITY)
- IMANI
(FAITH)

The vision of Kwanzaa is to use the Nguza Saba as the credo by which we as African-Americans live throughout the year.

(In celebration of the 25th anniversary of Kwanzaa! To honor those who have come before us and to pass the way for those yet to come.)

IT'S KWANZAA TIME

lyrics & music
by ZAHMU
(c)1991

Moja, Mbili, Tatu
CULTURE, HISTORY, COMMUNITY, FAMILY
CULTURE, HISTORY, COMMUNITY, FAMILY

There are seven candles, three red, one black, three green
A symbol of the values that will help us keep our dreams
Come on now, share the vision, everybody feel the rhythm
and celebrate the first fruits of this African tradition

Just say it!
UMOJAKUJICHAGULIA
UJIMA,UJAMAA,AND NIA
KUUMBAIMANI
HARAMBEE HARAMBEE HARAMBEE

It's KWANZAA TIME, Habari Gani
(Everybody wants to know about it)
KWANZAA TIME, Habari Gani
(Check out the groove, then spread the word about it)
KWANZAA TIME, Habari Gani
Let's celebrate
It's KWANZAA TIME, GET UP YE MIGHTY RACE

Now my brothers and my sisters,
what wisdom can you provide
Nguza Saba, they are the principles to be our guide
A formula for families to keep the children strong
To build a mighty nation, take us up where we belong

Come on and sing it with me
UMOJAKUJICHAGULIA (sing it in Swahili)
UJIMA,UJAMAA,AND NIA (sing it for the people)
KUUMBAIMANI (Let's pull together)
HARAMBEE CELEBRATE KWANZAA FOREVER!

You know it's KWANZAA TIME, Habari Gani
(I want to tell you all about it, that it's)
KWANZAA TIME, Habari Gani
(If you've heard the news, tell somebody else about it)
KWANZAA TIME, Habari Gani
Let's celebrate it!
KWANZAA TIME, GET UP YE MIGHTY RACE

Come on say HARAMBEE
HARAMBEE, let's pull together
Everyone say HARAMBEE

Hey hey, what's the news, hey what can it be
You know it's Kwanzaa time say "Habari Gani"
From December 26th to January 1,
A celebration for the nation of the New African
What's the only way to make it in this society
It's to focus on our culture and our community
Our people fought, our people died
and our people should be proud
It's Kwanzaa Time, about it out loud!

UNITY,
SELF DETERMINATION,
COLLECTIVE WORK AND RESPONSIBILITY
COOPERATIVE ECONOMICS,
PURPOSE,
CREATIVITY,
FAITH

HARAMBEE!

It's KWANZAA TIME, Habari Gani
(Teach the children about it)
KWANZAA TIME, Habari Gani
(Dance, sing, about about it)
KWANZAA TIME, Habari Gani
Let's celebrate
It's KWANZAA TIME, GET UP YE MIGHTY RACE

Come on say HARAMBEE
HARAMBEE, let's pull together
Everyone say HARAMBEE

Wave your hands let's take a stand
ITS CULTURE, HISTORY, COMMUNITY, FAMILY

It's Kwanzaa Time!
It's Kwanzaa Time, let's pull together
Every woman, child, and man
Let me see you wave your hands
because it's Kwanzaa Time,
Let's pull together
Family, community,
don't you know that it's Kwanzaa Time

It's Kwanzaa Time!

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WE CAN DO IT
Lyrics by Zahmu
Music by Zahmu & Darryl Johnson
(c) 1990

I must climb to the hill where my destiny lies
I've been called to deliver my purpose in time

I'm gonna sing it out and tell the world, I can do it
Open up the doors I can prove it
Just give me a chance and I'll reach back my hand and help somebody
La, la, la, la, la, la

You were born with a spirit to carry a light
Are you one of the willing
Are you willing to help in the fight
Say yes

And sing it out and tell the world, you can do it
Open up the doors
You're going to prove it, if you're given the chance
Won't you reach back your hands and help somebody
La, la, la, la, la, la

In your hands carry the hope that you bring
Take a stand facing the wind when you sing it
Oh, no one can stop us now
We are winners and we won't allow a defeat
You better sing it to them so hard
They can't refuse us forever
Let's stand together and knock down all the doors and
sing it out

We can do it
Open up the doors
We can prove it, if you give us a chance
Won't you reach back your hands and help somebody
Come on y'all
We gonna knock down, knock down the doors to do it
Open up the doors
Give us our chance
I want to sing it, come on and give us our chance
Oh come on y'all
Sing it out
Come on and open up the doors

We can love somebody
We can help somebody
Don't sit there like you've got nothing to do
Oh yeah
Get up, come on, stand up, come on
Give us a chance, come on say la, la, la, la, la
Now we can do it, we can do it singing
La, la, la, la, la
DO IT!

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United we stand
Divided we Fall
So Let's Be As One
Cause One is For All

OH-H-H Umoja / Umoja
OH-H-H Umoja "
 " "
 " "

I Believe that one day
Things are going to change
I believe that one day
Things Won't Be the Same

We must unite my people and walk
Hand in hand
With love and most of all understanding
So let us live together and walk hand in hand

Gonna Be One Day
Gonna Be Someday
Might Be This Day

I believe that one day
Things are going to — change

Praise the red, the black and the green;
Brothers and sisters, we're being redeemed.
Open up your eyes and see,
We're on our way to being free.

Red is for the blood we shed.
Black is for the race - that's us!
Green is for the land.
So come on people, take a stand.

Praise the red, the black and the green;
Brothers and sisters, we're being redeemed.
Open up your eyes and see,
We're on our way to being free.

I said Umoja - Unity
I said Kujichagulia - self-determination
I said Ujima - collective work and responsibility
I said Ujamaa - cooperative economics
I said Nia - purpose
I said Kuumba - creativity
I said Imani - faith

Praise the red, the black and the green;
Brothers and sisters, we're being redeemed.
Open up your eyes and see,
We're on our way to being free.

Our Beliefs

We are African people
African people must work together,
To liberate ourselves, To build an
independent nation, And to create a
new and better world.

Our Song

Africa's a long long way, long long way, long
long way.

Africa's a long long way from the U.S.A.

There's a contact we must keep, we must keep,
we must keep.

There's a contact we must keep, from blackness
everywhere.

(This song is sung to the tune of Mary had a
little lamb.)

What the colors in our flag stand for

Red is for the Blood of our people.

Black " " " Race " " "

Green " " " Land " " "

{ Have you heard about Kwanzaa
Kwanzaa celebration

{ Have you heard about Kwanzaa
well this is what it means.

It's unity, being together you see
and self determination for what you want to be

{ Have you heard about Kwanzaa
Kwanzaa celebration

{ Have you heard about Kwanzaa
well this is what it means

collective work and responsibility
cooperative economics for prosperity

{ Have you heard about Kwanzaa
Kwanzaa celebration

{ Have you heard about Kwanzaa
well this is what it means

to have a purpose in all that you do
to let creativity flow freely from you

{ Have you heard about Kwanzaa
Kwanzaa celebration

{ Have you heard about Kwanzaa
well this is what it means

it's having faith in God and yourself
and in all of our people whose struggle is felt

{ Have you heard about Kwanzaa
Kwanzaa celebration

{ Have you heard about Kwanzaa
then let's live each day

let's live it each day

" " " " " "

(ade)